

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1, 2, 61, 65, 66, and 92.

Claim 3 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

a (said back wall connects said floor to said ceiling in a first vertical connection plane; and

said arch connects said floor to said ceiling in a second vertical connection plane different from said first vertical connection plane.

Claim 5 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

said floor has floor depressions;

said ceiling has ceiling depressions;

a² said back wall has wall extensions;

at least one of said wall extensions is inserted into at least one of said floor depressions and at least one of said wall extensions is inserted into at least one of said ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling;

said arch has arch extensions; and

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at least one of said arch extensions is inserted into at least one of said floor depressions and at least one of said arch extensions is inserted into at least one of said ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling.

Claim 7 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein

said floor has a top side with two pairs of floor depressions;

said ceiling has a bottom side with two pairs of ceiling depressions;

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said back wall has:

two lower wall extensions inserted into a first of said two pairs of floor depressions; and

two upper wall extensions inserted into a first of said two pairs of ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling in a first vertical connection plane; and

said arch has:

two lower arch extensions inserted into a second of said
two pairs of floor depressions; and

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a two upper arch extensions inserted into a second of said
two pairs of ceiling depressions to permanently connect
said floor to said ceiling in a second vertical
connection plane different from said first vertical
connection plane.

Claim 8 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein
said floor is a one-piece, injection molded part.

Claim 9 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein
said floor has a square shape.

Claim 11 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

said floor has:

a 4 a top side; and

four side walls formed in one piece with said top side.

Claim 12 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

said floor has four side walls; and

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each of said four side walls has a cavity and a projection.

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Claim 17 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein
said ceiling is a one-piece, injection molded part.

Claim 18 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein
said ceiling has a square shape.

Claim 21 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

said ceiling has:

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a top side; and

four side walls formed in one piece with said top side.

Claim 22 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

said ceiling has four side walls; and

each of said four side walls has a cavity and a projection.

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Claim 26 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

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said floor has floor depressions;

a⁷ said ceiling has ceiling depressions identical in shape to said floor depressions.

Claim 29 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

a⁸ said ceiling has:

a top side; and

four side walls; and

said four side walls and said top side form a one-piece open box.

a⁹ Claim 31 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

said ceiling has a top side defining a plane; and

said top side has at least one flange projecting transverse to said plane.

a¹⁰ Claim 34 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

said ceiling has a top side; and

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a roof is removably connected to said top side.

Claim 38 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein said back wall is a one-piece, injection molded part.

Claim 39 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein said back wall has a solid window.

Claim 40 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein said back wall has a shuttered window.

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Claim 41 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein said arch has:

two side walls; and

an upside-down-U-shaped front wall.

Claim 42 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein said arch is a one-piece, injection molded part.

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Claim 44 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein said arch has a post with a bore for receiving a screw.

Claim 45 (amended). The toy according to claim 59, wherein:

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said floor, said ceiling, and at least one of said back wall
and said arch define a side opening; and

a side wall is removably connected at said side opening.

Claim 64 (amended). A modular house toy, comprising:

a solid floor having floor depressions;

a solid ceiling having ceiling depressions;

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a solid back wall having wall extensions, at least one of said
wall extensions inserted into at least one of said floor
depressions and at least one of said wall extensions inserted
into at least one of said ceiling depressions to permanently
connect said floor to said ceiling;

an open arch having arch extensions, at least one of said arch
extensions inserted into at least one of said floor
depressions and at least one of said arch extensions inserted
into at least one of said ceiling depressions to permanently
connect said floor to said ceiling; and

said floor having a first given shape, said ceiling having
said first given shape, said back wall having a second given
shape, and said arch having said second given shape, to allow

a¹³ repetitious and modular interlocking of the modular house toy
to another module house toy.

Claim 67 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim
90, wherein:

said back wall connects said floor to said ceiling in a first
vertical connection plane; and

a¹⁴ said arch connects said floor to said ceiling in a second
vertical connection plane different from said first vertical
connection plane.

Claim 68 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim
90, wherein:

said back wall has wall extensions;

at least one of said wall extensions is inserted into at least
one of said floor depressions and at least one of said wall
extensions inserted into at least one of said ceiling
depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling;

said arch has arch extensions; and

at least one of said arch extensions is inserted into at least one of said floor depressions and at least one of said arch extensions is inserted into at least one of said ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling.

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Claim 69 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim 90, wherein:

said floor has a top side with two pairs of floor depressions;

said ceiling has a bottom side with two pairs of ceiling depressions;

said back wall has:

two lower wall extensions inserted into a first of said two pairs of floor depressions; and

two upper wall extensions inserted into a first of said two pairs of ceiling depressions to permanently connect said solid floor to said solid ceiling in a first vertical connection plane; and

said arch has:

two lower arch extensions inserted into a second of said
two pairs of floor depressions; and

two upper arch extensions inserted into a second of said
two pairs of ceiling depressions to permanently connect
said floor to said ceiling in a second vertical
connection plane different from said first vertical
connection plane.

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Claim 70 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim
90, wherein:

said floor of said first fixed supporting structure has a
first floor shape;

said floor of said second fixed supporting structure has a
second floor shape substantially identical to said first floor
shape;

said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure has a
first ceiling shape;

said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure has
second ceiling shape substantially identical to said first
ceiling shape;

said back wall of said first fixed supporting structure has a first back wall shape;

said back wall of said second fixed supporting structure has a second back wall shape substantially identical to said first back wall shape;

said arch of said first fixed supporting structure has a first arch shape; and

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said arch of said second fixed supporting structure has a second arch shape substantially identical to said first arch shape.

Claim 71 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim 90, wherein:

said floor of said first fixed supporting structure has an exterior shape;

said floor of said second fixed supporting structure has a second exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior shape;

said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure has a third exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior shape; and

said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure has fourth exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior shape.

a14 Claim 72 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim 90, wherein:

said back wall of said first fixed supporting structure has an exterior shape;

said back wall of said second fixed supporting structure has a second exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior shape;

said arch of said first fixed supporting structure has a third exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior shape; and

said arch of said second fixed supporting structure has fourth exterior shape substantially identical to said exterior shape.

Claim 73 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim 90, wherein:

said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure has four first side walls each with a first cavity and a first projection;

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said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure has four second side walls each with a second cavity and a second projection; and

said first projection is removably inserted into said second cavity and said second projection is removably inserted into said first cavity when said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure is placed adjacent said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure.

Claim 74 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim 90, wherein:

said floor of said first fixed supporting structure has four first floor side walls each with a first floor cavity and a first floor projection;

said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure has four first ceiling side walls each with a first ceiling cavity and a first ceiling projection;

said floor of said second fixed supporting structure has four second floor side walls each with a second floor cavity and a second floor projection;

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said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure has four second ceiling side walls each with a second ceiling cavity and a second ceiling projection; and

when said floor of said first fixed supporting structure is placed immediately adjacent said floor of said second fixed supporting structure and said ceiling of said first fixed supporting structure is simultaneously placed immediately adjacent said ceiling of said second fixed supporting structure:

said first floor projection, said second floor projection, said first ceiling projection, and said second ceiling projection are simultaneously removably inserted into a respective one of said second floor cavity, said first floor cavity, said second ceiling cavity, and said first ceiling cavity.

Claim 75 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim 90, wherein:

said at least first and second fixed supporting structures are a plurality of fixed supporting structures; and

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each of said plurality of fixed supporting structures is removably connected to another of said plurality of fixed supporting structures.

Claim 76 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim 90, wherein:

said first fixed supporting structure is a cube having a given length, a given width, and a given height; and

said second fixed supporting structure is a cube having said given length, said given width, and said given height.

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Claim 79 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim 90, wherein said ceiling has a top side with a connector for releasably connecting another of said fixed supporting structures on said top side.

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Claim 87 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim 90, wherein:

said ceiling has a top side; and

a roof is removably connected to said top side.

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Claim 88 (amended). The toy configuration according to claim 90, wherein:

said ceiling has a top side with a connector;

a roof is removably connected to said top side by said connector.

Claim 95 (amended). A modular house toy configuration, comprising:

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at least first and second fixed supporting structures each having:

a solid floor having floor depressions;

a solid ceiling having ceiling depressions;

a solid back wall having wall extensions, at least one of said wall extensions inserted into at least one of said floor depressions and at least one of said wall

extensions inserted into at least one of said ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling;

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an open arch having arch extensions, at least one of said arch extensions inserted into at least one of said floor depressions and at least one of said arch extensions inserted into at least one of said ceiling depressions to permanently connect said floor to said ceiling;

said floor having a first given shape, said ceiling having said first given shape, said back wall having a second given shape, and said arch having said second given shape, to allow repetitious and modular interlocking of said first fixed supporting structure to said second fixed supporting structure; and

said first fixed supporting structure removably connected to said second fixed supporting structure.
